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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takehiko TSUCHIYA et al.

Application No.: 09/606,148

Filed: June 29, 2000

For: **CIRCUIT DESIGNING APPARATUS,
CIRCUIT DESIGNING METHOD, AND
COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING
MEDIUM STORING A CIRCUIT
DESIGNING PROGRAM**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, with a period for response extending through October 1, 2004—and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116—Applicants request consideration and entry of the following amendments and remarks, culminating in allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper and begin on page 8.